Proposed Course Structure for 4 Year Undergraduate Programme under CBCS System

Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)

Semester – I (AEC- 1)

Science	Social Science/Arts	Commerce
• MIL	• MIL	• MIL

Semester – II (AEC- 2)

Science	Social	Commerce
• Environmental Science	• Environmental Science	• Environmental Science

Semester – III (AEC- 3)

Science	Social	Commerce
• Course on Disaster Risk Management	• Course on Disaster Risk Management	• Course on Disaster Risk Management

Semester – IV (AEC- 4)

Science	Social Science/Arts	Commerce
• Course on NCC/NSS/NGO's/Social Service/Scout & Guide/Sports	• Course on NCC/NSS/NGO's/Social Service/Scout & Guide/Sports	• Course on NCC/NSS/NGO's/ Social Service/Scout & Guide/Sports

List of Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)

SL. NO.	Course Title	LTP Distribution of the Course			Total Credits:	Total Marks = 100
		L	T	P		
1	MIL (Semester – I)	2	1	0	2	End -Term Appraisal : 70 Marks Internal Assessment: 30 Marks
2	Environmental Science (Semester – II)	2	1	0	2	
3	Course on Disaster Risk Management (Semester – III)	2	1	0	2	
4	Course on NCC/NSS/NGO's/Social Service/Scout & Guide/Sports (Semester – IV)	2	1	0	2	

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Semester – I (AEC- 1)

Science	Social Science/Arts	Commerce
• **MIL**	• **MIL**	• **MIL**

ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

Course Learning Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the theory, fundamentals and tools of communication and to develop in them vital communication skills which should be integral to personal, social and professional interactions. The present course hopes to address some of the aspects of effective communication skills through an interactive mode of teaching-learning process. The various dimensions of communication skills that will be focused in the course include language of communication, speaking skills such as personal communication, social interactions and communication in professional situations such as interviews, group discussions and office environments, important reading skills as well as writing skills such as report writing, note taking etc.

Syllabus:

1. Introduction:
   - Theory of Communication
   - Types and modes of Communication
   - Effective Communication/ Mis- Communication
   - Barriers and Strategies
2. Language of Communication:
   - Verbal and Non-verbal (Spoken and Written)
   - Personal, Social and Business
   - Intra-personal, Inter-personal and Group communication
3. Speaking Skills
   - Dialogue
   - Group Discussion
   - Interview
   - Public Speech
   - Role Play/Extempore Presentations

4. Reading and Understanding

- Close Reading
- Comprehension, Analysis and Interpretation

- Summary ParaphrasingTranslation (from Indian language to English and vice-versa)

Literary/Knowledge Texts

5. Writing Skills

- Making notes
- Documenting
- Report Writing
- Writing Letters - job applications, CV and Resume
- Academic Writing
- Writing a Proposal

Readings:

1. Fluency in English - Part II, Oxford University Press, 2006.
2. Business English, Pearson, 2008.
3. Language, Literature and Creativity, Orient Blackswan, 2013.
4. 4. Language through Literature (forthcoming) ed. Dr. Gauri Mishra, Dr Ranjana Kaul, Dr Brati Biswas

REMEDIAL ENGLISH

Learning Objectives:

English language skills – reading, writing, speaking and listening – are fundamental in constructing knowledge in all academic disciplines, succeeding in the world of work, and making sense of everyday life. The standards and benchmarks enlisted in this syllabus can help students adapt to the continually changing world of communication and develop a global outlook.

Through this course the students will be able to acquire the following set of literacy standards/ skills and implement them as working strategies: 1. Will engage in and gain basic proficiency in reading and comprehension 2. Will speak to a) inform b) describe c) explain d) persuade. The style and vocabulary will be at the beginners' level. 3. Make use of the grammar, syntax and tone of speech at the preliminary level. 4. Will read a variety of materials to facilitate comprehension. 5. Will understand the elements of grammar and its functions in a text. 6. Employ reading strategies such as scanning, selecting and summarising at the preliminary level. 7. Learn types of sentences – statement, question, exclamation, affirmative and negative. 8. Will gain and demonstrate basic competence in speaking, reading and writing.

Syllabus:

READING

1. Simple comprehension texts of description, narration, information, explanation and persuasion based on higher order thinking skills.
2. Contextualised grammar focus.
3. Vocabulary – basic synonyms and antonyms.

GRAMMAR

1. Parts of speech
2. Transformation of parts of speech
3. Nouns – gender and number; Countable and uncountable nouns
4. Verbs and tenses
5. Use of auxiliaries
6. Agreement of verb with subject
7. Use of articles
8. Use of adjectives and adverbs
9. Use of selected prepositions
10. Affirmative, negative and interrogative sentences
11. Question tags
12. Phrasal verbs
13. Direct and indirect narration

ENGLISH: ACADEMIC WRITING

Learning Objectives:

The syllabus aims to develop a critical and informed response to a range of texts/extracts, the skills of summarization and condensation, the skills of comprehension, the skills of analysis, synthesis and evaluation of content, correct usage and application of vocabulary.

Syllabus:

1. Features of Argumentative/Persuasive Writing

Reading and General Understanding

Writing practice: identifying arguments, counterarguments, non- arguments refuting arguments, style of persuasion, organizing an argumentative essay
Grammar Focus: Use of conjunctions as connectors, conditionals, noun clauses

2. Features of Comparison and Contrast Essay

Reading and General Understanding
Writing Practice: developing a comparison-contrast structure
Grammar Focus: Clauses for comparison, contrast, concession, transitions

3. Features of Literary Analysis

Reading and General Understanding

Writing Practice: plot devices, themes, symbols, figures of speech, tone, mood, style, organizing discourse structure

Grammar Focus: Conditional Sentences

4. Planning an Academic Essay

Writing Practice: discourse structure, essay-outline, paragraph-sequence, using citation.

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Semester – II (AEC- 2)

Science	Social Science/Arts	Commerce
• Environmental Science	• Environmental Science	• Environmental Science

Unit 1: Introduction to environmental studies

- Multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies
- Scope and importance; Concept of sustainability and sustainable development.

Unit 2: Ecosystems

- What is an ecosystem?
- Structure and function of ecosystem;
- Energy flow in an ecosystem: food chains, food webs and ecological succession.
- Case studies of the following ecosystems:
  a) Forest ecosystem
  b) Grassland ecosystem
  c) Desert ecosystem
  d) Aquatic ecosystems (ponds, streams, lakes, rivers, oceans, estuaries)

Unit 3: Natural Resources: Renewable and Non – renewable Resources

- Land resources and land-use change; Land degradation, soil erosion and desertification.
- Deforestation: Causes and impacts due to mining, dam building on environment, forests,
- biodiversity and tribal populations.
- Water: Use and over – exploitation of surface and ground water, floods, droughts, confl - icts
- Over water (international & inter-state), Dams – benefits and problems.
- Food resources: World food problems, changes caused by agriculture and over-grazing, effects
- of modern agriculture, fertilizer-pesticide problems, waterlogging, salinity.
- Energy resources: Renewable and non-renewable energy sources, use of alternate energy
- sources, growing energy needs, case studies

Unit 4: Biodiversity and Conservation

- Levels of biological diversity: genetic, species and ecosystem diversity; Bio-geographic zones
- of India; Biodiversity patterns and global biodiversity hotspots.
- India as a mega-biodiversity nation; Endangered and endemic species of India, threats to
- biodiversity: Habitat loss, poaching of wildlife, man-wildlife conflicts, biological invasions.
- Conservationof biodiversity: In – situandEx – situconservationofbiodiversity.
- Ecosystem and biodiversity services: Ecological, economic, social, ethical, aesthetic and
- Informational value.

Unit 5: Environmental Pollution

- Environmental pollution: types, causes, effects and controls; Air, water, soil and noise
- pollution
- Nuclear hazards and human health risks
- Solid waste management: Control measures of urban and industrial waste.
- Pollution case studies

Unit 6: Environmental Policies & Practices

- Climate change, global warming, ozone layer depletion, acid rain and impacts on human
- communities and agriculture
- Environment Laws: Environment Protection Act; Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution)
- Act; Water (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act; Wildlife Protection Act; Forest
- Conservation Act. International agreements: Montreal and Kyoto protocols and Convention
- on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- Nature reserves, tribal populations and rights, and human wildlife conflicts in Indian
- context.

Unit7: Human Communities and the Environment

- Human population growth: Impacts on environment, human health and welfare.
    - Resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons; case studies.
- Disaster management: floods, earthquake, cyclones and landslides.
- Water conservation, rain water harvesting, watershed management.
- Wasteland reclamation.
- Environmental movements: Chipko, Silent valley, Bishnois of Rajasthan.
- Environmental ethics: Role of Indian and other religions and cultures in environmental conservation.

1. Visit to local polluted site **(any one)**

    a) Urban: Identify the major sources of air pollution in a city or town of North Bengal region.
    b) Rural: Analyse the major sources of organic pollution in villages and adjoining agricultural fields.
    c) Industry: Prepare a list of the large and medium industries in and around your college are and the probable pollutants they may produce.

2. Study of flora and fauna **(any one)**

    a) Prepare a list of the economic plants available in the college block.
    b) List the birds sighted and found nesting at the college campus and its surroundings with the season of their occurrence.
    c) Record insects associated with any common crop/grassland/tree of the college area with an idea of their habitat.

3. Visit to local area to document environmental assets **(any one)**:

a) Trip to any riverine system of Terai or the dooars: comment on the direction, volume and quality of water, flowing as observed.
b) Record the nature of vegetation/forest type/land use pattern at the site of visit.
c) Analyse the cause of deforestation and landslide on hill slope, if sighted.

4. Study of ecosystems. **(any one)**

a) Pond: water parameters – turbidity, pH, producers (phyto and zooplanktons) and related consumers (fishes and birds).
b) Grassland on hill slope: producers (plants), insects, consumers (birds, mammals, reptiles etc.)
c) Forest: practical concept of forest type, stories, dominant trees and sub – dominant vegetation, observed and reported major herbivores and carnivores in a forest ecosystem.

5. Submission of a field work (covering the above practical works undertaken)

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Semester – III (AEC- 3)

Science	Social Science/Arts	Commerce
• Course on Disaster Risk Management	• Course on Disaster Risk Management	• Course on Disaster Risk Management

Learning Objectives:

The course is intended to provide a general concept in the dimensions of disasters caused by nature beyond the human control as well as the disasters and environmental hazards induced by human activities with emphasis on disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

Introduction on Disaster Different Types of Disaster :

A) Natural Disaster: such as Flood, Cyclone, Earthquakes, Landslides etc.

B) Man-made Disaster: such as Fire, Industrial Pollution, Nuclear Disaster, Biological Disasters, Accidents (Air, Sea, Rail & Road), Structural failures(Building and Bridge), War & Terrorism etc. Causes, effects and practical examples for all disasters.

Risk and Vulnerability Analysis :

1. Risk : Its concept and analysis
2. Risk Reduction
3. Vulnerability : Its concept and analysis
4. Strategic Development for Vulnerability Reduction

Disaster Preparedness and Response Preparedness:

1. Disaster Preparedness: Concept and Nature
2. Disaster Preparedness Plan
3. Prediction, Early Warnings and Safety Measures of Disaster.
4. Role of Information, Education, Communication, and Training,
5. Role of Government, International and NGO Bodies.
6. Role of IT in Disaster Preparedness
7. Role of Engineers on Disaster Management.

Response

1. Disaster Response: Introduction
2. Disaster Response Plan
3. Communication, Participation, and Activation of Emergency Preparedness Plan

4. Search, Rescue, Evacuation and Logistic Management

5. Role of Government, International and NGO Bodies

6. Psychological Response and Management (Trauma, Stress, Rumor and Panic)

7. Relief and Recovery

8. Medical Health Response to Different Disasters

10. Role of Educational Institute.

Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Recovery

1. Reconstruction and Rehabilitation as a Means of Development.
2. Damage Assessment
3. Post Disaster effects and Remedial Measures.
4. Creation of Long-term Job Opportunities and Livelihood Options,
5. Disaster Resistant House Construction
6. Sanitation and Hygiene
7. Education and Awareness,
8. Dealing with Victims' Psychology,
9. Long-term Counter Disaster Planning

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Semester – IV (AEC- 4)

Science	Social Science/Arts	Commerce
• Course on NCC	• Course on NCC	• Course on NCC

Learning Objectives:

The course aims to :

(a) Provide knowledge about the history of NCC, its organization, and incentives of NCC for their career prospects.

(b) Inculcate spirit of duty and conduct in NCC cadets.

(c) Provide understanding about different NCC camps and their conducts.

(d) Provide understanding about the concept of national integration and its importance.

(e) Provide understanding about the concept of self-awareness and emotional intelligence.

(f) Provide understanding about the concept of critical & creative thinking.

(g) Provide understanding about the process of decision making & problem solving.

(h) Provide understanding about the concept of team and its functioning.

(i) Provide understanding about the concept and importance of Social service.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing this course, the cadets will be able to: -

(a) Understand the basic concept of NCC.

(b) Respect the diversity of different Indian culture.

(c) Practice togetherness, teamwork and empathy in all walks of their life.

(d) Do their own self-analysis and will work out to overcome their weakness for better performance in all aspects of life.

(e) Critically think and analyse.

Medium of Instruction: Hindi and English

Syllabus of NCC-I

Unit I: NCC General 4 Lectures
Subtopics: • Aims, Objectives and Organization of NCC • Incentives for NCC Cadets • Duties of NCC Cadets • NCC Camps: Types and Conduct
Unit II: National Integration
Subtopics: • National Integration: Importance and Necessity • Factors affecting National Integration • Unity in Diversity • Threats to National Security
Unit III: Personality Development
Subtopics: • Factors • Self-Awareness • Empathy • Critical and Creative Thinking • Decision Making and Problem Solving
Unit IV: Social Service and Community Development
Subtopics: • Basics of Social Service • Rural Development Programmes • NGO's • Contribution of Youth

Practical/Practice Component

- Drill
- Field Craft & Battle Craft
- Map Reading
- Weapon Training
- Social Service & Community Development
- Any other Practical/Practice as decided from time to time

Suggested Readings:

- DGNCC Cadet's Hand Book - Common Subjects -All Wings (in English)
- DGNCC Cadet's Hand Book - Common Subjects -All Wings (in Hindi)
- DGNCC Cadet's Hand Book – Specialised Subjects –Army, Navy and Air Wing

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